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AMENDMENT NO.____

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AMEND House Substitute for Senate Committee Substitute for Senate Bills Nos. 299 and 40, Page 20, Section 33.810, Line 23 of said page, by inserting immediately after said line the following:

"Section 1. Sections 1 to 5 shall be known and may be cited as the "Legislative Budget Analysis Team Act".

Section 2. For the purposes of sections 1 to 5, the following terms mean:

(1) "Analysis team", the Legislative Budget Analysis Team;

(2) "Reasonable request", a request for information that is readily available or could be available through a minimum of effort;

(3) "State agency", any of the following:

(a) A board, commission, department, institution, office, or other agency in the executive branch of state government which is created by the Constitution of Missouri or by statute of this state;

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(b) The Supreme Court of Missouri, any court of appeals, circuit court, or other agency in the judicial branch of government in this state; or

(c) Any eligible institution as defined in section 173.100, RSMo;

(4) "State budget shortfall", a rate of growth in state tax revenues which will not be sufficient to allow the state to spend one hundred percent of the funds authorized to be spent in the state general revenue fund.

Section 3. 1. There is hereby created the "Legislative Budget Analysis Team", to be composed of the members of the house of representatives appropriations staff, the members of the senate appropriations staff, and three persons with government auditing experience from each state department as necessary, as selected by the director of that department.

2. The team leader of the analysis team for the first four years of the analysis team shall be the director of the house of representatives appropriations staff. The team leader of the analysis team for the second four years of the analysis team shall be the director of the senate appropriations staff, and the position of team leader shall serve on the same alternating basis thereafter.

3. The analysis team shall be available to work on inquiries submitted by members of the general assembly.

Section 4. 1. The analysis team shall have the general mission of examining the operations of state government, and making recommendations to the general assembly on various manners in which state government can operate more efficiently. The analysis team shall challenge and question the basic assumptions underlying all state agencies and the programs and services offered by such agencies.

2. The analysis team shall:

(1) Deliver an annual report to the general assembly no later than January fifteenth of each year. The first report made to the general assembly shall include an assessment of previous comprehensive efforts by the state to review government operations and shall indicate the level of success or failure in such efforts. Subsequent reports shall include a review of previous recommendations made by the analysis team and adopted by the general assembly and an estimate of the amount of money the recommendations saved. The report shall also indicate more efficient methods of allocating resources, including the following:

(a) Streamlining, reorganizing, consolidating, contracting out, or eliminating functions performed by each agency;

(b) Reducing duplicative staffing;

(c) Improving space and property use, including the possible sale or lease of surplus or unnecessary property;

(d) Increasing an agency's capacity to deliver services and improving its responsiveness to citizens;

(e) Improving the use of cost-saving information technology in service delivery and in reducing the amount of paperwork necessary;

(f) Improving internal budgeting and financial administration procedures, including procedures to more efficiently collect past due accounts receivables;

(g) Contracting with private sector firms to conduct activities currently performed by an agency;

(h) Establishing techniques for the measurement of productivity and the evaluation of employee performance;

(i) Analyzing each line of business engaged in by each agency, including recommendations for the adoption of performance measures in each agency or, if the performance measures are already in use, an evaluation of the state's performance using such measures; and

(j) Determining other methods or procedures designed to improve the use of state funds;

(2) Examine the feasibility of creating a financial incentive program for state employees to provide awards for employees who devise ways of reducing or eliminating expenses or improving operations, with a report of starting such a program to be completed within one year of the creation of the analysis team

and submitted to the general assembly;

(3) Be available to assist members of the general assembly in developing policies to streamline government operations. The analysis team shall promptly answer reasonable requests for information from members of the general assembly and directors of state departments;

(4) Develop, in the event of a state budget shortfall, a recommendation to the general assembly on steps which could be taken to reduce or eliminate expenditures to alleviate the budget shortfall;

(5) Create a list of enabling constitutional and statutory provisions for the agency and resulting duties and responsibilities; and

(6) Meet, within thirty days of the adjournment of regular session of the general assembly, with the chair of the house budget committee and the chair of the senate appropriations committee to prioritize projects and objectives for the following interim period.

3. Each department, division, agency, or bureau of state government is directed to assist the analysis team in the performance of its duties and, to the extent permitted by laws related to confidentiality, to furnish such information and advice to the analysis team as it deems necessary.

Section 5. 1. The analysis team shall submit all

legislative enactments of its recommendations to the oversight division of the committee on legislative research which shall, within sixty days of the end of that fiscal year, determine the amount of savings resulting from such recommendations and notify the commissioner of administration, who shall then place an amount equal to the amount of such savings in the "Legislative Budget Analysis Team Savings Fund", which is hereby created in the state treasury. Moneys in the fund shall be disbursed each following fiscal year as follows:

(1) Twenty percent to the state general revenue fund, with priority for the use of such funds to be given to the agency from which such savings resulted, provided that such agency has developed a plan for the use of such funds and the plan has been submitted to and approved by the analysis team; provided, however, that a portion of such funds shall be dedicated to providing financial incentive rewards for state employees following adoption and implementation of a financial incentive program as provided in subdivision (2) of subsection 2 of section 4;

(2) Thirty percent to the budget reserve fund; and

(3) Fifty percent to state income tax payers in the same manner as provided in the pro rata refund provisions of section 18(b), article X, Constitution of Missouri.

2. Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivisions (1), (2),

and (3) of subsection 1 of this section, at any time in which a state budget shortfall has been determined to exist by the chair of the house budget committee and the chair of the senate appropriations committee, moneys in the legislative budget analysis team savings fund shall be available for appropriation as provided by law."; and

Further amend said title, enacting clause, and intersectional references accordingly.